



Dustin Meeks guides clients through financing local infrastructure and public facilities and supports their economic development efforts. In addition, he provides guidance on regulatory matters related to higher education and federal emergency response programs. He is committed to clear communication and ensuring clients and community stakeholders feel informed, understood and empowered to meet the needs of their communities and institutions.

Dustin assists municipal clients across Indiana with the financing of major public improvements including government centers, criminal justice facilities, and transportation infrastructure projects. In his work with Indiana units of government, Dustin brings his ability to clearly and carefully explain complex processes and concepts to bear in ensuring community leaders and citizens feel comfortable with the decisions being made to commit public funds to projects.

Clients appreciate Dustin for his responsiveness and enthusiastic approach to the work of improving communities in Indiana.

Dustin routinely works with clients seeking to engage the statutory tools available to Indiana local governments to promote the development and redevelopment of communities including the establishment and expansion of economic development areas to facilitate the provision of incentives and the development of infrastructure.

Additionally, Dustin counsels clients on compliance, with a particular focus on helping local units of government navigate federal emergency relief programs such as the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program and on helping higher education clients address questions related to Title IV funding, accreditation, and state authorization.

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg full-time, Dustin worked with the firm as a summer associate and with another firm as a law clerk.

Professional and Community Involvement

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, (J.D.), cum laude, 2020, executive editor of Ohio State Business Law Journal

Ball State University, (B.A), political science and communication studies, minor in Spanish, summa cum laude, 2017

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

LANGUAGES

English

INDUSTRIES

Colleges and Universities

Government and Public Finance

Board member, Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center

Chapter advisor, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity Indiana Iota Chapter

Former member, Ball State University Board of Trustees

Former director (District Archon), Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity Inc.

Honors

Indianapolis Business Journal's 20 in their Twenties, 2023

Ball State University Department of Political Science Raymond Scheele
Award for Civic Engagement, 2017

Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award, 2012